

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council Members, I am writing to you about the Homelessness Crisis in America, particularly in big cities, such as Los Angeles and New York. In your 'Motion', you mention that certain Council Districts have seen an increase in Homelessness while others have seen a minor decrease. I am a resident of Council District 6, and the homelessness crisis has worsened while many people remain homeless (un-housed) without sufficient resources provided by the city and county of Los Angeles. I strongly urge each council district to act and help the homeless rather than shifting the homeless from district to district. Forceful displacement in the form of "CARE +" Sweeps only exacerbates the problem by forcing the homeless from place to place rather than by providing them housing. Each council district is responsible for its constituency. Each council member is responsible for providing services to their council district. We have seen how the city council has failed to adequately and properly provide the help that people need. What's behind rising homelessness in America? The number of Americans living without homes, in shelters, or on the streets continues to rise at an alarming rate. Judy Woodruff reports on why that is, and what more can be done to prevent it. <https://youtu.be/KUpIEDqbVyk> No Country for the Poor FULL SPECIAL | PBS America What if democracy fails citizens by not serving them all equally? What if inequality becomes the norm and the most vulnerable citizens are left behind? In Hungary, the government has slashed social benefits and criminalized homelessness, but a group of activists, homeless and middle class, is confronting authorities to defend social justice and their right to be citizens. <https://youtu.be/4-9VS3LnNzM>